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Publications:

Treasury Inc.: How The Bailout Reshapes Corporate Theory and Practice, forthcoming 2010.

Federalism in Banking Pre-Emption and Corporate Pre-Emption Compared, LOUISIANA LAW REVIEW, forthcoming 2010

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(with Chief Justice Myron T. Steele) *Delaware's Guidance*, 2 VIRGINIA LAW AND BUSINESS REVIEW (2007).

SEC Certification to the Delaware Supreme Court, CORPORATE GOVERNANCE ADVISOR (January 2008).

Wait a Minute, Mr Postman, Chicago Tribune, (May 18, 2008). (Op-Ed)

A Self-Regulation Proposal for the Hedge Fund Industry, Administrative and Regulatory Law News, American Bar Association (Winter 2008).

Why Not Variable-Rate Airline Tickets? Orange County Register, September 9, 2008. (Op-Ed)

Why The Bailout is Self Defeating, Forbes, March 5, 2009. (Op-Ed)

Awards:

Searle-Kaufmann Fellow in Law, Innovation, and Growth. Awarded by Northwestern University Law School Searle Center, 2009.

Experience:

George Mason University School of Law 2008-present
Currently an Assistant Professor of Law, specializing in Corporate Law, Delaware Business Law, Securities Regulation, & Financial Regulation. I also founded and direct the Corporate Federalism Initiative, a research organization that obtains grants to support corporate and business law scholars in original research and media and policy outreach on issues concerning the role of federalism in business law.

Mercatus Center at George Mason University Financial Markets Working Group 2008-present
Currently a Senior Scholar, developing original research, writing policy papers, commenting in print and online newspapers, and engaging in outreach in Congress and with staff and financial regulators at executive agencies.

Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher, & Flom, 2007-2008
Served as an associate in the Securities Enforcement Defense Practice Group at the Washington, D.C. office.

Delaware Court of Chancery, 2006-2007
Law Clerk, Chambers of Vice-Chancellor John W. Noble
Drafted opinions in corporate governance related actions, including appraisals and fiduciary duty derivative suits, and performed legal research for pending cases.

John Olin Center for Law, Economics, & Business
Harvard Law School Program on Corporate Governance, 2006
Research Fellow
Wrote an article on Hedge Fund Regulation as part of a funded fellowship grant under the guidance of Profs. Bebchuk, Shavell and Jackson.

Presentations & Appearances:

Regular contributor and visiting contributor to various corporate and legal blogs from 2007-present, including The Conglomerate, Deal Lawyers, The Harvard Corporate Governance Forum, The Volokh Conspiracy, & The Delaware Corporate and Commercial Litigation Blog.

University of Toronto School of Law, 2007 Annual Meeting, Canadian Law and Economics Association

May 13, 2009, Testimony before the House Oversight Committee regarding the consequences of the Government as a shareholder in AIG[1]

April 23, 2009. Northwestern Law School Searle Center on Law, Innovation, & Economic Growth Program on Attorney General Education, at which I gave a lecture on federal pre-emption of financial services before a dozen state attorney generals and many their chief deputies

June 11, 2009, Testimony before the House Financial Services Committee regarding shareholder say-on-pay requirements[2]

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[1] http://www.cspan.org/Watch/Media/2009/05/13/HP/R/18523/Congress+Questions+AIGs+Progress+Accountability.aspx
[2] http://www.c-spanarchives.org/library/index.php?main_page=product_video_info&products_id=286970-1

June 15, 2009, Gave a lecture to the Board of Directors of Riskmetrics, the leading proxy advisory company in the United States, regarding the consequences of government ownership in the financial sector.

July 13, 2009, Testimony before the House Financial Services Committee regarding changes to insider trading rules

July 29, 2009, Testimony before the Senate Banking Committee regarding increasing shareholder power in corporate governance[3]

July 31, 2009, Appearance on The News Hour with Jim Lehrer to discuss executive compensation legislation

October 30, 2009, Scheduled to participate in the Seton Hall Law School Symposium on Developments in Financial Services Regulation

Education

HARVARD LAW SCHOOL & HARVARD KENNEDY SCHOOL OF GOVERNMENT 2006

Juris Doctor & Masters in Public Policy (Financial Regulation specialization)

Activities: Olin Fellow in Law and Economics, Program on Corporate Governance
Journal on Legislation

LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY, B.S., Financial Accounting 1998-2002

Honors: Magna Cum Laude Graduate
LSU Chancellor's Scholarship
National Merit Finalist Scholarship

[3] http://www.c-spanarchives.org/library/index.php?main_page=product_video_info&products_id=288107-1